खाद्यान्नों पर राज-सहायता

1536. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 1993-94 के पेराई वर्ष के दौरान देश में चीनी का आयात किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि चीनी के आयात के कारण खाद्यान्नों पर दी जाने वाली राज-सहायता की राशि में 685 करोड़ रुपये की वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार इस राज-सहायता की राशि को आम उपभोक्ता से लेवी चीनी के मूल्य में वृद्धि करके वसूल करने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) से (घ) यह अनुमान लगाया गया है कि चीनी के आयात से लगभग 685.00 करोड़ रुपए की कमी का भार पड़ेगा । इस कमी की प्रतिपूर्ति करने की विधि के सम्बन्ध में अभी सरकार द्वारा निर्णय लिया जाना है ।

Establishment of Sugar Mills in Gujarat

1537. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) how many proposals have been received from Gujarat State for establishment of new sugar factories ;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government; and

(c) by when the proposals are likely to be finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) As on 30-11-1994, 13 proposals have been received through the Department of Industrial Development for setting up of new sugar mills in the State of Gujarat. After scrutiny of the applications by the Screening Committee, the recommendations of the Screening Committee/Administrative Ministry were considered by the Licensing Committee, after which two letters of intent have been issued by the Ministry of Industry to the applicants.

Storage Loss Incurred by FCI

1538. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the transit and storage loss incurred by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been much higher than the norms fixed by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP);

(b) If so, the actual transit and storage losse for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the details of transit and storage losses for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 vis-a-vis BICP norms are as under :

Year	As per BICP norms (tonnes)	Actual (lakh tonnes)
1992-93	2.14	5.02
1993-94	(2.50 (Prov.)	4.17 (Prov.)

(c) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has taken a number of measures, like strict enforcement of quality specifications during procurement of foodgrains, installation of weighbridges, augmentation of covered storage capacity, tightening up of vigilance machinery etc. with a view to reducing transit and storage shortages. As a result of these measures the losses have shown a steadily declining trend over the years.

The orders recently issued by the Government of India for introduction of 50 Kg. packaging of foodgrains in Food Corporation of India is expected to bring down the shortages still further. The Government is also closely monitoring the progress being made by the Corporation in this regard.